

APPENDIX A

Use Classification

Tennessee State Parks Use Classification System 2001

A **Use Classification** system for Tennessee State Parks provides a meaningful framework to strategic planning. This is an essential tool for planning a system of parks, whether for planning acquisition and development of new areas or for actions affecting existing park lands and facilities.

A **Use Classification** system defines the individual areas of the park system in terms of:

1. The reason for acquiring and developing an area.
2. The characteristics of the area, including the size of the area, present land uses, and the presence of natural or cultural resources.
3. The areas' existing impressions and facilities.

The Tennessee State Parks Use Classification system can be broken down into three general categories: Natural Resource Areas, Cultural Areas and Recreation Areas.

Natural Resource Areas are legislatively designated Natural Areas, Scenic Rivers, and Scenic Trails, which have been assigned to the Division of State Parks for management.

Cultural Areas contain archaeological, historical, and environmental features, which are desirable for protection, interpretation, and educational enjoyment.

Recreation Areas provide land and water resource based areas distributed across the state that are capable of supporting higher levels of development and recreational use than those areas in the Natural and Cultural Resource classifications.

- Degrees of development will vary in accordance with an area's respective subdivision classification.
- Type and degree of development will be in harmony with the natural environment.
- Areas offer a wide variety of active outdoor recreation opportunities at high demand locations.
- Consist of three types: Class I Traditional Parks, Class II Traditional Parks, and Resort Parks

Traditional Parks

- Provide visitors with a wide variety of recreational activities in a natural setting, with comfortable, but not luxurious, facilities oriented toward family use.
- Provide a variety of quality facilities for the user who may wish to stay longer than a day.
- Facilities are designed in a rustic style.
- Parks should convey a feeling of remoteness.
- Development may be allowed, although less than that of a Resort Park.

- Parts of the park may be designated as wilderness.
- General development and activities suitable for these parks: Visitor/interpretive centers, parking, cabins, RV camp grounds, tent camp grounds, group camps, swimming, recreation buildings, picnic areas, playgrounds, boat rentals, fishing, hiking trails, archery, horseback riding, wrangler camping, and support facilities.
- Areas should be managed based on a policy of maintaining the character of the original development with emphasis on the quality of the facilities and not their quantity.
- These parks may be divided into two classes; **Class I** parks would be those with more development than might be found on traditional parks, but still less than that of true resort parks; **Class II** would designate those minimally developed traditional parks.

USE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Natural Resource Areas			Cultural Areas		Recreation Areas		
Natural Areas	Scenic Rivers	Scenic Trails	State Historic Areas	Archaeological Areas	Traditional Parks (Class II)	Traditional Parks (Class I)	State Resort Parks
Big Cypress Tree (Class 1) Burgess Falls (Class 1) Cumberland Mountain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ozone Falls (Class 1) Piney Falls (Class 2) David Crockett <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devil's Backbone Dunbar Cave (Class 1) Fall Creek Falls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6,000 acres Fall Creek Falls State Natural Area (Class 2) Frozen Head (Class 1 & Class 2) House Mountain Long Hunter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Couchville Cedar Glades (Class 2) Montgomery Bell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 600 acres Montgomery Bell Forest State Natural Area (Class 2) Pickett <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colditz Cove (Class 2) Radnor Lake (Class 2) Rock Island <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Bone Cave State Natural Area (Class 2) South Cumberland Recreation Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carter (Class 2) Grundy Forest (Class 1) Natural Bridge (Class 2) Savage Gulf (Class 2) Hawkins Cove 	Hatchie River Hiwassee Scenic River Harpeth Scenic River, in Davidson County Newsom's Mill Historic Area & Hidden Lakes are on that portion of the river.	Cumberland Trail Chickasaw Bluffs Trail (one section at Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park, one at Fort Pillow State Park) John Muir Trail (Pickett State Park)	Bicentennial Capitol Mall Big Hill Pond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Davis Bridge Cordell Hull Birthplace Davy Crockett Birthplace Dunbar Cave State Natural Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port Royal Fort Loudoun <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tellico Blockhouse Fort Pillow Hiwassee Scenic River <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fort Marr Nancy Ward Gravesite Montgomery Bell State Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrows of the Harpeth Newsom's Mill Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Johnsonville State Historic Area Pickett State Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sergeant Alvin C. York Red Clay Sycamore Shoals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John and Landon Carter House 	Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Park Montgomery Bell State Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mound Bottom State Archaeological Area Cedars of Lebanon State Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sellers Farm State Archaeological Area Johnsonville State Historic Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hugh Link Farm State Archaeological Area 	Big Hill Pond State Park Big Ridge State Park Bledsoe Creek State Park Cedars of Lebanon State Park Booker T. Washington State Park Indian Mountain State Park Long Hunter State Park Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park Mousetail Landing State Park Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park Ocoee River Panther Creek State Park Pickett State Park Roan Mountain State Park Rock Island State Park South Cumberland Recreation Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grundy Lakes Firey Gizzard Trail Standing Stone State Park	Chickasaw State Park Cove Lake State Park Cumberland Mountain State Park David Crockett State Park Edgar Evins State Park Harrison Bay State Park Norris Dam State Park Reelfoot Lake State Park Tims Ford State Park T.O. Fuller State Park Warriors Path State Park	Fall Creek Falls State Resort Park Henry Horton State Resort Park Montgomery Bell State Resort Park Natchez Trace State Resort Park Paris Landing State Resort Park Pickwick Landing State Resort Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruton Branch